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*Death*.—Seldom have christian faith and fortitude so completely triumphed over the terrors of the irresistible messenger, though the conflict was very painful arising from an unconquerable obstruction in his bowels, by which Dr. James Prossor departed from life the 3rd inst. he sustained this severe disease with exemplary patience, and the resignation that attends well-founded hope: the Doctor had under providence withstood from youth repeated attacks of Pulmonary consumption, by habits regular, and abstemious, correspondent to the plan laid down in his inaugural dissertation, *de sanitate tuenda*, published at Edinburgh in 1777, these habits while they restrained sensual gratification, preserved his head clear, his mind untrammelled, and his animal spirits in tranquil even flow,

*Integer vitæ scelerisque purus,  
Non eget Mauri jaculis, nec arcu.*

An intimate acquaintance for 35 years, enables the writer of this tribute to lament in him the loss of a profitable associate, of undeviating integrity, steady principles, and enlarged intellect: inferior to none, he deservedly held high rank in his profession; as a medical practitioner he enjoyed that rank in the confidence of the first class in his own, and the neighbouring counties, for many years; evincing in his deportment the distance of an independent mind, resting on its own resources, and feeling conscious that virtue and talent give pre-eminence, yet in the calm and social circle he would pour forth the riches of a mind well stored with various learning. She who poignantly feels bereft of a tender husband of such a character can attest the fidelity of this record, and in her mourning ask, when did the grave enjoin its stillness upon a more upright man.

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#### AGRICULTURAL REPORT.

*From March 20, to April 20, 1812*

A favourable change in the weather having taken place about the beginning of this month, a good deal of the spring corn has been sown, although much is yet to be done in some of the late districts, especially in those where the ploughing had not been put forward in proper time.

The prevalence of cold easterly winds, accompanied by frost at night, has retarded vegetation so much, that neither the corn nor grass are likely to make a progress equal to what ought to be expected at so advanced a period of the season; and unless the succeeding summer proves favourable for the ripening of the crops there is very little reason to expect an early harvest.

Grain of every kind has considerably advanced in price; oat-meal has been sold so high as 38s. per hundred weight of 120lbs.; and potatoes bring from 9d. to 12d. per stone, in various parts of the country.

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#### COMMERCIAL REPORT.

ENGLAND at the present moment exhibits a most distressing appearance. Dearth of provisions, attended with fears of actual scarcity presses severely on the manufacturing classes of the community, while badness of trade leaves them less able to struggle with the difficulties. If the war has not directly produced the high prices of all the necessary articles of food, it has materially contributed, by the waste attendant on the supplies of armies on foreign services, and still more by the injudicious system of commercial warfare introduced by the orders in council, interrupting the free intercourse, which would facilitate the introduction of provisions from the continent of Europe, and more especially from the United States of North America. The British orders in council have been far more efficacious in obstructing these supplies, than the hostile decrees of France, and therefore the evils of interrupted commerce are fairly attributable to the impolicy of our rulers. In addition to the effects produced by the war to lessen the stock of provisions, the country is rendered less able to bear the great advance of prices by the bad trade, which may clearly be traced to the system of the orders in council. The trade of Britain excited to the highest pitch, by the investiture of large capitals, the great advantages arising from the improvements in machinery by the abridgment of labour, and the very extensive foreign mercantile connections, has been paralyzed by the manner of carrying